

# LAFCO of Napa County

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Local Agency Formation Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Water Service Study

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The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH) requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to conduct reviews of municipal services provided by local agencies. As part of LAFCO's legislative responsibilities, the service review serves as an essential element in preparing and/or updating the spheres of influence of all agencies. Ultimately, the service reviews are intended to provide affected agencies, the public, and LAFCOs with a tool to understand public service conditions and to contribute towards their logical and reasonable development.

Accordingly, LAFCO has recently initiated a comprehensive water study for Napa County. The study will encompass an evaluation of all forms of water service in the County, including potable, non-potable, recycled, and irrigation services. The main objective of this study is to provide an accurate evaluation of water service and establish a sound understanding of the relative issues surrounding water supply and demand in the County.

Appreciating that there are several agencies and groups with valuable insight regarding various related water issues, LAFCO will be contacting these parties throughout this study. In addition, LAFCO will encourage public participation through collaborative working groups and provide public notices of related actions in order to preserve a major component of the CKH Act.

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail ([ksimonds@napa.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:ksimonds@napa.lafco.ca.gov)) or by phone at (707) 259-8645 with any questions and/or suggestions regarding this study.

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